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SUBJECT: ALLEGED US ESPIONAGE

REFS: A(A) PRAGUE 1991 (B) STATE 193961

1. REGIME HAS APPARENTLY ELECTED TO MAKE MAJOR PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN OUT OF ALLEGATION THAT FORMER EMBASSY RSO HILLMAN FORD AND EXCHANGE SCIENTIST MCKNIGHT RECRUITED YOUNG CZECH AS CIA AGENT. KICK-OFF WAS TV SHOW JULY 27 (REFTEL). FIRST FOLLOW-UP WAS BRIEF REFERENCE IN JULY 29 RUDE PRAVO. ON AUGUST 1 RUDE PRAVO CARRIED LENGTHY REPLAY OF TV SCRIPT. AUTUST 2 RUDE PRAVO CARRIES "LETTER TO EDITOR" FROM OTAKAR NADHERA, ALLEGED SUBJECT OF RECRUITING ACTION, GOING INTO MORE DETAIL.

2. NADHERA LETTER CRUDELY UNDERLINES BASIC THEME OF OTHER ITEMS-- THAT AMERICAN DIPLOMATS AND SCIENTISTS ARE NOT TO BE TRUSTED.

3. WE HAVE RECEIVED A FEW, PERFUNCTORY QUERIES ABOUT ALLEGATIONS FROM FOREIGN PRESS AGENCIES AND DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES. WE HAVE TOLD THEM FORD WAS HERE, WAS A MOST CAPABLE CAREER SECURITY OFFICER, AND LEFT AT THE END OF REGULAR TOUR TO RETIRE FROM SERVICE. WE HAVE POINTED OUT THAT UK AND CANADA RECEIVED TV "ESPIONAGE" TREATMENT LAST
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YEAR (77 PRAGUE 225) AS HAD WE IN TV SERIES STARRING US DEFECTOR, FORMER ARMY SERGEANT GLENN RAY GOHRER (77 PRAGUE 0065).

4. AT THIS POINT WE CANNOT PREDICT END TO THIS CAMPAIGN. REGIME SOMETIMES DROPS THEM QUICKLY, BUT AT OTHER TIMES, E.G. NEUTRON BOMB AND GABRIELOVA CASE, IT WILL PLAY THEM

FOR WEEKS AND PERIODICALLY RESURRECT THEM.

DECONTROL 4 YEARS FROM ORIGINATING DATE.

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